

House Resolution No. 4062

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Jim Kirkland lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Wanda Dover, during a solemn ceremony on September 6, 1953, in Mountain Home, Arkansas; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Jim and Wanda Kirkland have had the pleasure of raising two sons, Jimmy Kirkland and Keith Kirkland, and the privilege of spoiling three grandchildren; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Navy, Jim Kirkland provided a comfortable home and secure future for his loved ones through his successful endeavors as a member of Pipe Fitter Local 178 in Springfield, from which he is now retired; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Wanda Kirkland further distinguished herself by being self-employed prior to retirement; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Jim and Wanda Kirkland have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes, some of which include attending the Church of Christ, traveling, wood carving, fishing, and donating money to the needy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland, residents of Ozark, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on September 6, 2003:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Jim and Wanda Kirkland and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kirkland.

Offered by _____
Representative Jerry Bough
District No. 142

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4062, adopted September 16, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker